In The High Court of Uttaranchal at Nainital

A.O. No. 1459 of 2001

Ganga Singh Bohra and 4 others …….. Appellants.

Versus

Surander Singh Mehra and another …… Respondents.

Sri T.A. Khan, learned counsel for the appellants.
None appears for respondents.

Date:18-8-2004

Hon. P. C. Verma, J.
Hon'ble B.S. Verma, J.

This appeal has been preferred against order dated 22-6-2001 passed by Workmen's Compensation Commissioner Haldwani, Nainital, in W.A.C. case No.12/2000, whereby the respondents were directed to pay compensation of Rs. 2,21,370/- to the appellants-petitioners. However interest was not awarded to the appellants-petitioners on the compensation amount.

2- In this appeal the only relief sought is that on the award amount of Rs. 2,21,370/- interest @ 12% per annum be awarded with effect form 7.3.2000, the date of accident, till the date of actual payment along with cost of appeal.

3- From perusal of record it reveals that the petitioners-appellants has also claimed interest while preferring their claim petition before the Workmen's Compensation Commissioner but the Presiding Officer has not awarded interest. In the interest of justice it will be just and proper to award interest on the compensation amount @ 9% per annum. We therefore direct that 9% interest shall be paid on the compensation amount of Rs. 2,21,370/- as awarded by the Workmen's Compensation form the date of filing of the claim petition before the Workmen's Compensation Commissioner.

4- With the aforesaid modification in the order of Workmen's Compensation Commissioner, the appeal is hereby partly allowed.

(P.C. Verma, J.) **(B. S. Verma, J.)**

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